

STAFF'S REQUEST ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

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Matoaca Magisterial District West line of Otterdale Road

<u>REQUEST</u>: Rezoning from Agricultural (A) to Residential (R-12).

PROPOSED LAND USE:

A single family residential subdivision having a minimum lot size of 12,000 square feet is planned. The applicant has agreed to limit development to a maximum density of 2.0 units per acre, yielding a maximum of sixty-seven (67) lots.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMEND APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROFFERED CONDITIONS ON PAGES 2 AND 3.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval for the following reasons:

- A. The proposed zoning and land use conform to the <u>Upper Swift Creek Plan</u> which suggests the property is appropriate for single family residential use of 2.0 units per acre or less.
- B. The proposed zoning and land use are representative of existing and anticipated development.
- C. The proffered conditions address the impacts of this development on necessary capital facilities, as outlined in the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan.

Specifically, the need for schools, roads, parks, libraries and fire stations is identified in the County's adopted <u>Public Facilities Plan</u>, the <u>Thoroughfare Plan</u> and <u>Capital Improvement Program</u> and the impact of this development is discussed herein. The proffered conditions adequately mitigate the impact on capital facilities, thereby insuring adequate service levels are maintained and protect the health, safety and welfare of County citizens.

(NOTE: THE ONLY CONDITION THAT MAY BE IMPOSED IS A BUFFER CONDITION. THE PROPERTY OWNER MAY PROFFER OTHER CONDITIONS. THE CONDITIONS NOTED WITH "STAFF/CPC" WERE AGREED UPON BY BOTH STAFF AND THE COMMISSION. CONDITIONS WITH ONLY A "STAFF" ARE RECOMMENDED SOLELY BY STAFF. CONDITIONS WITH ONLY A "CPC" ARE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.)

PROFFERED CONDITIONS

The Owners-Applicants in this zoning case, pursuant to Section 15.2-2298 of the Code of Virginia (1950 as amended) and the Zoning Ordinance of Chesterfield County, for themselves and their successors or assigns, proffer that the development of the property known as Chesterfield County Tax ID 714- 692-7432-00000 (the "Property") under consideration will be developed according to the following conditions if, and only if, the rezoning request for R-12 is granted. In the event the request is denied or approved with conditions not agreed to by the Owners-Applicants, these proffers and conditions shall be immediately null and void and of no further force or effect.

- (STAFF/CPC)
- 1. <u>Timbering.</u> Except for the timbering approved by the Virginia State Department of Forestry for the purpose of removing dead or diseased trees, there shall be no timbering on the Property until a land disturbance permit has been obtained from the Environmental Engineering Department and the approved devices have been installed. (EE)
- (STAFF/CPC)
- 2. The public water and wastewater systems shall be used. (U)
- (STAFF/CPC)
- 3. The applicant, subdivider, or assignee(s) shall pay the following to the County of Chesterfield prior to the issuance of each building permit for infrastructure improvements within the service district for the property:
 - A. \$9,000.00 per dwelling unit, if paid prior to July 1, 2003; or
 - B. The amount approved by the Board of Supervisors not to exceed \$9,000.00 per dwelling unit adjusted upward by any increase in the Marshall Swift building cost index between July 1, 2002, and July 1 of the fiscal year in which the payment is made if paid after June 30, 2003.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Drainage and Erosion:

The property drains south into Swift Creek and then via Swift Creek to Swift Creek Reservoir. There are no known on- or off-site drainage or erosion problems and none are expected with development. It may be necessary to acquire off-site easements to accommodate drainage. The parcel is heavily wooded and, as such, should not be timbered until the issuance of a land disturbance permit. This will ensure that adequate erosion control measures are in place prior to any land disturbance. (Proffered Condition 1)

PUBLIC FACILITIES

The need for fire, school, library, park and transportation facilities is identified in the <u>Public Facilities Plan</u>, the <u>Thoroughfare Plan</u> and the <u>Capital Improvement Program</u>. This development will have an impact on these facilities.

Fire Service:

The <u>Public Facilities Plan</u> indicates that calls for emergency services are expected to increase forty-five (45) percent by 2015. Eight (8) new fire/rescue stations are recommended for construction by 2015 in the <u>Plan</u>. Based on sixty-six (66) dwelling units, this request will generate approximately seventeen (17) calls for fire and emergency medical services each year. The impact on fire service has been adequately addressed. (Proffered Condition 3)

The property is currently served by the Waterford Fire/Rescue Station, Company Number 16. When the property is developed, the number of hydrants, quantity of water needed for fire protection and access requirements will be evaluated during the plans review process.

Schools:

Approximately thirty-six (36) new students will be generated by this development.

This site lies in the Watkins Elementary School zone: capacity -750, enrollment -811; Midlothian Middle School zone: capacity -1,260, enrollment -1,385; and Midlothian High School zone: capacity -1,625, enrollment -1,569.

This case will have an impact on all of the schools involved. There are currently four (4) trailers at Watkins Elementary and five (5) trailers at Midlothian Middle. The developer has addressed their impacts on school facilities consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy. (Proffered Condition 3)

Libraries:

Consistent with Board of Supervisors' policy, the impact of development on library services is assessed County-wide. Based on projected population growth, the <u>Public Facilities Plan</u> identifies a need for additional library space throughout the County. Taking into account the additional space provided by the new La Prade and Chester Libraries, there is still a projected need for additional library space throughout the County. This development would likely affect the Midlothian Library, the Clover Hill Library or a possible new branch in the Genito Road/Powhite Parkway area as proposed by the <u>Plan</u>. The proffered conditions address the impact of this development on library service. (Proffered Condition 3)

Parks and Recreation:

The <u>Public Facilities Plan</u> identifies the need for four (4) new regional parks. In addition, there is currently a shortage of community park acreage in the County. The <u>Plan</u> identifies a need for 625 acres of regional park space and 116 acres of community park space by 2015. The <u>Plan</u> also identifies the need for neighborhood parks and special purpose parks and makes suggestions for their locations. The impact on parks and recreational facilities has been adequately addressed. (Proffered Condition 3)

Transportation:

This request consists of 33.5 acres, currently zoned Agricultural (A). The applicant is requesting rezoning to Residential (R-12). The applicant has proffered that a maximum of two (2) units per acre will be developed on the property (Proffered Condition 4). Based on single family trip rates, development could generate approximately 720 average daily trips. These vehicles will be distributed along Otterdale Road, which had a 2002 traffic count of 1,155 vehicles per day.

The <u>Thoroughfare Plan</u> identifies Otterdale Road as a major arterial with recommended right of way widths of ninety (90) feet. The applicant has proffered to dedicate forty-five (45) feet of right of way, measured from the centerline of Otterdale Road, in accordance with that Plan. (Proffered Condition 5)

The <u>Thoroughfare Plan</u> also identifies a north/south major arterial (the "North/South Arterial") extending through the property, with a recommended right of way width of ninety (90) feet. The <u>Plan</u> shows the North/South Arterial extending from Otterdale Road north through the subject property, crossing the proposed Powhite Parkway Extended and continuing north to intersect with a proposed east/west major arterial (the "East/West Arterial"). Due to topography and development that has occurred in this area, staff supports eliminating the section of the North/South Arterial from Otterdale Road to the East/West Arterial.

Access to major arterials, such as Otterdale Road, should be controlled. The applicant has proffered that direct access from the property to Otterdale Road will be limited to one (1) public road. (Proffered Condition 6)

The traffic impact of this development must be addressed. The applicant has proffered to: 1) construct left and right turn lanes along Otterdale Road at the public road intersection, if warranted based on Transportation Department standards; and 2) widen the west side of Otterdale Road to a total travel way width of eleven (11) feet measured from the centerline with an additional one (1) foot wide paved shoulder plus a seven (7) foot wide unpaved shoulder for the entire property frontage (Proffered Condition 7). Utility poles are located on the west side of Otterdale Road. In order to provide improvements to Otterdale Road, these utility poles must be relocated behind the new ditch.

Area roads need to be improved to address safety and accommodate the increase in traffic generated by this development. Otterdale Road will be directly impacted by development of this property. Sections of this road have nineteen (19) to twenty (20) foot wide pavement with no shoulders, with substandard vertical and horizontal alignments and large trees located close to the edge of pavement. The capacity of this road is acceptable (Level of Service C) for the volume of traffic it currently carries. The standard typical section for Otterdale Road should be twenty-four (24) foot wide pavement, with minimum eight (8) foot wide shoulders. The applicant has proffered to contribute cash, in an amount consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy, towards mitigating the traffic impact of this development. (Proffered Condition 3)

At time of tentative subdivision review, specific recommendations will be provided regarding stub road rights of way to adjacent properties and the proposed internal street network.

Financial Impact on Capital Facilities:

		PER UNIT
Potential Number of New Dwelling Units	66*	1.00
Population Increase	179.52	2.72
Number of New Students		
Elementary	15.84	0.24
Middle	8.58	0.13
High	11.22	0.17
TOTAL	35.64	0.54
Net Cost for Schools	319,902	4,847
Net Cost for Parks	45,738	693
Net Cost for Libraries	24,750	375
Net Cost for Fire Stations	26,466	401
Average Net Cost for Roads	271,194	4,109
TOTAL NET COST	688,050	10,425

^{*}Based on a proffered density of 2 units per acre. (Proffered Condition 4)

As noted, this proposed development will have an impact on capital facilities. Staff has calculated the fiscal impact of every new dwelling unit on schools, roads, parks, libraries and fire stations at \$10,425 per unit. The applicant has been advised that a maximum proffer of \$9,000 per unit would defray the cost of the capital facilities necessitated by this proposed development. Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy and proffers accepted from other applicants, the applicant has offered cash to assist in defraying the cost of this proposed zoning on such capital facilities. (Proffered Condition 3)

Note that circumstances relevant to this case, as presented by the applicant, have been reviewed and it has been determined that it is appropriate to accept the maximum cash proffer in this case.

LAND USE

Comprehensive Plan:

Lies within the boundaries of the <u>Upper Swift Creek Plan</u> which suggests the property is appropriate for single family residential use of 2.0 units per acre or less.

Area Development Trends:

Adjacent properties along the west line of Otterdale Road are zoned agriculturally and are characterized by single family residences on acreage parcels or are vacant. Properties to the east of Otterdale Road are zoned Residential (R-9 and R-15) as part of the Greenspring development. Residential development at densities consistent with the <u>Plan</u> is expected to continue in this area.

Density:

The applicant has proffered a maximum density of two (2) dwelling units per acre, yielding a maximum of sixty-seven (67) dwelling units on 33.5 acres.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed zoning and land use conform to the <u>Upper Swift Creek Plan</u> which suggests the property is appropriate for single family residential use of 2.0 units per acre or less. The proposed zoning and land use are representative of existing and anticipated development. The proffered conditions address the impacts of this development on necessary capital facilities, as outlined in the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, the need for schools, parks, libraries and fire stations is identified in the County's adopted <u>Public Facilities Plan</u>, the <u>Thoroughfare Plan</u> and <u>Capital Improvement Program</u> and the impact of this development is discussed herein. The proffered conditions adequately mitigate the impact on capital facilities, thereby insuring adequate service levels are maintained and protect the health, safety and welfare of County citizens.

Given these considerations, approval of the request is recommended.

CASE HISTORY

Planning Commission Meeting (1/21/03):

The applicant accepted staff's recommendation. There was no opposition present.

On motion of Mr. Stack, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the Commission recommended approval of this request and acceptance of the proffered conditions on pages 2 and 3.

AYES: Unanimous.

The Board of Supervisors, on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m., will take under consideration this request.



